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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

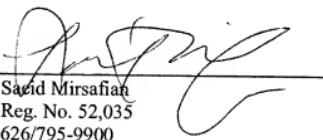
Claims 1-37 are pending in the application.

In the Office action, Wilson, et al. (U.S. 6,569,198) has been applied as the primary reference either alone or in combination with secondary references in rejecting the claims. Applicants believe that Wilson cannot be considered prior art with respect to the present application.

The present application claim priority from U.S. Patent No. 6,402,781, filed on January 31, 2000, a copy of which is enclosed. The disclosure of U.S. Patent No. 6,402,781 supports claims 1-37 of the present application. In particular, support for pending claims 1-37 is provided in column 12, line 58 to column 13, line 14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,402,781. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1-37 of the present application has an effective filing date of January 31, 2000. Wilson claims the benefit of Provisional Patent Application No. 60/193,427, filed on March 31, 2000. The filing date of Wilson is after January 31, 2000. Therefore, Wilson cannot be considered as prior art with respect to claims 1-37 of the present application. Applicants believe that the rejections of the claims over Wilson and the other applied references is moot.

Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

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